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1. CARTER APPOINTMENTS: PORTUGUESE PRESS CONTINUED SUPPLY NAMES AND BIODATA ON RECENT CARTER APPOINTMENTS: "DIARIO POPULAR" DECEMBER 22 CARRIED AFP STORY, "CARTER: GOVERNING IN THE CENTER.", DESCRIBING NEW CABINET MEMBERS AS "MODERATE, MIDDLE AGED, AND GENERALLY CONSIDERED SPECIALISTS IN THEIR FIELD." COMMUNIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" DECEMBER 21 HAD ARTICLE ON BROWN NOMINATION ENTITLED, "CARTER NOMINATES 'DOVE' FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE." ITEM STATED THAT IT APPEARS CARTER "SUCCESSFULLY RESITED THE PRESSURES OF A PARTY FACTION - INCLUDING THE AFL-CIO (CHARACTERISTICALLY ANTICOMMUNIST AND ANTISOVIET) TO NOMINATE A 'HARDLINER' FOR THE POST."

2. FAMILY PROBLEMS: TWO PORTUGUESE DAILIES PICKED UP "NYTIMES" ARTICLE ON "AMERICAN FAMILIES IN CRISIS."

3. OPEC PRICE INCREASE: PRESS REPORTED JENIALS BY PEREZ AND YAMANI OF A CRISIS ON OPEC.
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4. BUKOVSKY-CORVOLAN EXCHANGE: COVERAGE OF THE EXCHANGE OF BOCKOVSKY AND CORVOLAN RECEIVED PROMINENT PRESS COVERAGE. DECEMBER 21 "JORNAL NOVO" FEATURED FRONT PAGE PHOTO COLLAGE OF BRESHNEV AND PINOCHET LINKING ARMS, WITH PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER CUNHAL CHEERING IN BACKGROUND,

PAPER ALSO CONTAINED STRONG EDITORIAL CRITICIZING THE
COVERAGE (OR NONCOVERAGE) OF THE EVENT BY THE PORTUGUESE
COMMUNIST PARTY MOUTHPIECE "O DIARIO". THE PORTUGUESE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PASSED A MOTION PRAISING THE RELEASE
OF THE TWO POLITICAL PRISONERS, WHILE CONDEMNING THE
VIOLATION OF HUMAN LIBERTIES THAT HAD LED TO THEIR
IMPRISONMENT.

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